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consideration of same by both initialing and dating the Form PTO-1449 with respect to each of those references.

### **RESPONSE**

This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 28, 2004, and having a period for response set to expire on October 28, 2004. A Petition for a three-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to January 28, 2005, on which this Response is timely filed.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

### **STATUS OF CLAIMS**

All of the pending claims 1-82 are rejected.

**ITEM 2: CLAIMS 1-17, 19-37, 39, 40, 43-52, 56, 57, 59, 60, 62, 63, 65-69, 71, 72, 75-77, AND 79-82 ARE REJECTED FOR OBVIOUSNESS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a) OVER KITAZAWA ET AL. (JP PATENT NO. 09-026832) IN VIEW OF SUSO ET AL. (U.S. PATENT 6,466,202)**

The Examiner breaks down the extensive list of claims rejected in Item 2 of the Action into several groups, which applicants have designated A-H (see attached Exhibit A comprising a copy of the Office Action with annotations A-H). The correlation between the claims and the groups A-H will be apparent from the annotated Office Action.

In each of these rejections, the Examiner characterizes a limitation of the commonly grouped claims which the Examiner concedes is not taught by Kitazawa but alleges is taught by Suso et al. For convenience, those characterizations are designated in the following, preceded by the grouping letters A-H:

A: "displaying standby transition time."

B: "displaying a next electronic mail check time."

C: "displaying a greeting message by characters."

D: "displaying portable recording medium playing state."

E: "displaying a communication connection status of the electronic equipment."

F: "displaying indicating a reception of an electronic mail by the electronic equipment."

G: "Suso teaches the status information...." [note that in this instance, while conceding

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that Kitazawa does not teach displaying status information, Suso likewise is not relied on for teaching displaying status information - - merely that Suso "teaches the status information.]"

H: "displaying contents set in correspondence with time...."

In the following chart, applicants have listed the five excerpts of the Suso specification which are relied upon in the rejections of the claims in the groupings A-H - - and shown how those same five excerpts of the specification are used repeatedly:

SUSO ET AL.	CITED FOR SUPPORT IN:
Col. 4, lines 5-12	A - H
Col. 5, lines 13-26	A - H
Col. 7, lines 19-33	A - H
Col. 9, lines 49-53	D - H
Col. 10, line 32, col. 11, line 62	F - H

In reality, the claim recitations are not found in Suso.

As to the group A claims, "standby transition time" does not appear - - indeed, neither of the individual terms "standby" and "transition" appears in Suso.

As to group B, Suso makes no reference to "next electronic mail check time" indeed, the word "electronic" only appears once, in the phrase "an electronic filter".

As to group C, neither of the individual words "greeting" or "message" appears in Suso, much less in combination.

As to group D, neither of the clauses "portable recording medium" and "playing state" appears and, it follows, the combined phrase necessarily does not appear.

As to group E, "communication connection status" does not appear - - nor does even the truncated term "communication status" - - nor does even the single word "status".

As to group F, neither "electronic mail" nor "e-mail" appears, much less the phrase "reception of an electronic mail...."

As to group G, and as before reported, "status" does not appear - - and it follows that "status information" as well does not appear. The phrase "contents set in correspondence with